

## Synthesis and structure of 2'-substituted 1-(1,3-dioxan-5-yl)uracils. Positive role of the Eu(fod)<sub>3</sub> nmr shift reagent

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### Abstract

The configuration of 1-(2-R-1,3-dioxan-5-yl)uracils and the conformation of the dioxane ring in these compounds were investigated by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy with the aid of the Eu(fod)<sub>3</sub> shift reagent. It is shown that the dioxane ring exists in the preferred chair conformation with an axial orientation of the pyrimidine ring; this is confirmed by the resonance of the 5'-Ha proton in the form of a broad singlet with  $\nu_{1/2} \nu 8.5$  Hz. An analysis of the spectral peculiarities of the synthesized compounds made it possible to establish the orientation of the substituents attached to the second C2 steric center. The three-dimensional structure of 1-(2, 2-dimethyl-1-3-dioxan-5-yl)uracil was determined by an x-ray diffraction study, and the axial orientation of the pyrimidine ring was confirmed. It is shown that significant flattening of the carbon part of the ring ( $\psi = 46.6^\circ$ ) is observed in this molecule. An intramolecular (C6...O1,  $= 3.05 \text{ \AA}$ ) hydrogen bond was observed in the molecule of this compound. © 1982 Plenum Publishing Corporation.

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